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SUBJ: DETENTION OF AMCITS IN ADEN

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SUMMARY: PDRY FONMIN YAFI PLANNING ATTEND UNGA SHORTLY. EMBASSY SUGGESTS APPROPRIATE DEPT OFFICER APPROACH HIM RE AMCITS DETAINED ADEN. DEPT MAY ALSO WISH OTHER UNDELS MAKE SIMILAR INQUERIES.

END SUMMARY

1. VISITING HEAD OF CHANCERY, BRITISH EMBASSY ADEN, GEOFFREY TANTUM, GAVE EMBASSY HIS VIEWS ON DETAINED AMCITS IN PDRY.- THEY WERE, OF COURSE, ALONG LINES BRITISH HAVE BEEN REPORTING TO DEPT THROUGH FCO. TANTUM ADDED THAT PDRY FONMIN MOHAMMAD SALIH YAFI MUTI' PROCEEDING SHORTLY TO NEW YORK FOR UNGA.

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2. RE FRANKLIN, PRELIMINARY HEARING CONTINUES TO DRAG ON, BUT TANTUM THOUGHT DECISION RE TRIAL COULD NOT RPT NOT BE MUCH LONGER DELAYED. HE CONFIRMED THAT FRANKLIN BEARING UP SATISFACTORILY AND THAT VISITS TO COURT, ALTHOUGH DISAPPOINTING, GIVE HIM CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE WORLD AND HELP MORALE. FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION ARE SATISFACTORY, MUCH BETTER THAN GIVEN SOUTH YEMENIS.

3. RE TORHAN, TANTUM CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED BECAUSE BRITISH NOT GRANTED CONSULAR ACCESS.

4. RE KOPP, TANTUM CONSIDERS THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD KOPP IN ADEN SINCE HE HAS RECEIVED NEGATIVE REPLIES FROM ALL SOURCES AND BELIEVES HE WOULD HAVE SOME INDICATION IF KOPP, IN FACT, THERE.

5. RE VISIT ICRC REP D'HAUTEVILLE, TANTUM COMMENTED THAT RED CROSS HELD IN LOW ESTEEM IN PDRY. D'HAUTEVILLE THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT GIVEN CONSIDERATE TREATMENT, ALLOWED SEE FRANKLIN BRIEFLY IN PRESENCE MININT OFFICIAL, WAS GIVEN FLAT DENIAL THAT TORHAN IN COUNTRY. THUS, HOPES FOR ANY PROGRESS ON ICRC FRONT PRETTY WELL ELIMINATED.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR APPROPRIATE DEPT OFFICER TO DISCUSS FRANKLIN AND TORHAN CASES WITH PDRY FONMIN. RE FRANKLIN, USG COULD EXPRESS HOPE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE EXPEDITED. RE TORHAN, USG REP COULD ASK WHEN GOVT PDRY WOULD CARRY OUT PROMISE OF PRIME MINISTER TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR ON MAY 26 THAT BRITISH WOULD BE GRANTED CONSULAR ACCESS TO TORHAN "WITHIN FEW DAYS." APPROACH ON KOPP PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT JUSTIFIED IN VIEW PDRY DENIALS HE IN PDRY. ALTHOUGH FONMIN NOT RPT NOT FRIENDLY TO USG, USG LEGITIMATE CONCERN FOR THESE AMCITS ON LOW KEY BASIS WOULD SEEM TO BE JUSTIFIED. IN ADDITION, IF OTHER UNDELS, SUCH AS KUWAITI, ALGERIAN, EGYPTIAN, ETC., COULD ALSO APPROACH PDRY FONMIN, THIS MIGHT HELP. TANTUM INDICATED HE FELT CONFIDENT USSR NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN DETENTION FRANKLIN. IF THEREFORE, USSR DEL WILLING QUERY PDRY FONMIN, THIS COULD BE EVEN MORE USEFUL.
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